

**Panel 1: Evolution of Western Internet Governance: Norms, Values, Interests, Models & Institutions**  
**(Thursday, 9:00 - 10:30)**

**Chair:** Ron Deibert.

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Evolution of Western Internet Governance: Interests, Values, Norms and Institutions addresses origins and rationales of US and liberal democracies' international strategies, the multi-stakeholder model and issue of Internet freedom agenda and pushback to it.

**[Updated as of Sept. 11, 2012] Questions guiding panel prepared remarks:**

1. What are the norms, values, rules, and principles that have traditionally formed the core of "Western" or "liberal democratic" Internet governance? From where did these norms, values, and principles emerge and why? How do they compare to the norms, rules and principles that prevail in Internet (and cyberspace) governance today? What technological, political (policy), and economic developments are posing challenges to those norms and values?
2. How did norms evolve in other domains (like sea, air and space), and what can we generalize from that about the evolution of norms in cyberspace?
3. What role, if any, did US power and influence play in the construction of the Internet governance regime? Assuming US primacy to be in relative or actual decline (an open question in itself) how will that regime be affected?
4. What should be the role of national governments in cyberspace governance, relative to other stakeholders?
5. Are there contradictions between rhetoric and practice in the US and allied governments' promotion of "Internet Freedom"? Can those contradictions be reconciled?
6. Liberal democratic governments share, broadly speaking, a preference for an open and secure commons (or some other metaphor) for cyberspace. What are they doing to promote that shared vision internationally? Are they doing enough? In what venues? Are they succeeding? If so, where?
7. In what ways is a rising East Asia evolving alongside or within the Western model of Internet Governance?